



## County judged 'perfect 10' in state well-being report

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Williamson County scored a "perfect 10" on the second personal and family economic well-being report produced by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, released this week.

"Williamson County— still No. 1 for well-being — has moved up a notch since our first report and is now a perfect 10," said Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick and Fang Yang in the TACIR Fast Facts report. The well-being report uses five readily available, reasonably current measures of personal and family economic being, which TACIR has combined into a single indicator of current status and momentum.

"There are two readily available measures of income for Tennesseans at the county level: income per capita and median household income," according to the report. "Both measure are estimates, provided by the federal government. Neither measure is a perfect measure of local income, and so combining them, if a way be found to do that, makes sense.

TACIR also uses poverty rates and combines them with the first two as well as wage figures, to create what it admits is a process that while "not easy," nor "highly technical," it does produce a formula used to arrive at the rankings.

"Williamson is part of a cluster of counties centered around Nashville that dominates the top 10 for this well-being index," the report said. Williamson County was also No. 5 on the momentum scale, scoring 6.4 out of a possible 10.

"As noted in our first report on Tennesseans' economic well-being, momentum among the counties is insufficient to improve the status of the counties below the middle any time soon," the report indicates. "This is just one way to look at the economic well-being of people and families across the state's 95 counties."

This report is the third in a series presenting an explaining a set of indicators that anyone can use to assess what's going on in their county, according to the report. The next in the series will be economic activity across the counties. TACIR is directed by Harry A. Green and Sen. Mark Norris serves as chair of the organization's board.